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Storm mounts strong defense

Elk Point Midget Girls Storm defensewomen head off a pass in Sunday's shutout game against Fort McMurray, the second and final game of their first round of provincial playdowns. A. G. Ross Arena was the busiest place in town all weekend, with the first game of the Bantam provincial round Friday night and the Peewee Avalanche tournament Saturday and Sunday. Details on Page 16.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTO

Chamber praised for economic development initiatives

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce received praise on the hiring of an economic development officer from both Elk Point Mayor Parrish Tung and new REACH Corporation general manager Paul Pelletier at Wednesday's meeting.

"I congratulate the Chamber on their huge undertaking," Mayor Tung said. "Even if the EDO doesn't bring in any new businesses, he brings lots of optimism and can-do spirit. I thank you for taking the initiative and putting Elk Point ahead of other towns in the area."

Recently hired REACH general manager Paul Pelletier also applauded the Chamber on their initiative and said he had met with Ernie Isley and "exchanged ideas."

"The Chamber has taken a lead here," Pelletier said. Part of his role is to work with communities, and "with our collective willpower, I believe we can achieve success. I really want to work with you, be there for you and help out

as much as we can."

The Chamber was questioned on the EDO's contract, expense account and the hiring process. None of the funding for the position comes from the Chamber coffers, but instead from amounts pledged by a number of business owners who agreed that the need for an EDO was there. A committee of Chamber members developed a job description, which was presented to Isley, who in turn wrote a letter listing what he felt he could do in the position, and how much salary and expense account he would expect.

"We offered him more and he refused," committee member Steve Srdic said, adding that when the pledged funds are exhausted, "hopefully more will donate."

Vice-president Shirley Harms said that while "the process is not really standard, and the money came from private sources," she feels "the outcome is wonderful."

The Town of Elk Point has agreed to add \$5,000 to the EDO fund, as well as providing office space and clerical help.

Help is also forthcoming for the Chamber's basic economic development workshop this weekend, with Walter DeSilva as instructor. Pelletier added REACH's commitment for \$250 and the Town pledged \$400. Participants will pay course fees, and the Chamber will pick up any shortfall between the course fees received and the cost of putting on the course.

"We're full up," Chamber president Sandy Smith reported, noting that 22 people had indicated they will attend the course, which goes Saturday and Sunday.

With Mayor Tung's announcement that the Town is moving forward on a new residential subdivision and other municipal projects, word from the County of St. Paul that they will be supporting the Chamber with a \$4,000 grant, and Harms announcing that a Fields store is coming in to replace Stedmans, Pelletier said Elk Point's timing "couldn't be better. I can see you guys connecting the dots and getting ready to capitalize on opportunities."

Town has big plans for 2006

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point Town Council took a big step toward the future Monday night, when they gave the go-ahead to the initial phase of a new residential subdivision at the north end of Elk Point.

The first phase will contain 18 serviced lots, and will be followed by a 15-lot second stage, with 59 lots in the total development.

A playground built some years ago by residents of the current north subdivision will be modified slightly but will become part of the new subdivision. Mayor Parrish Tung said he had been approached by residents hoping that the site would remain, and as councillor Dwayne Yaremkevich noted, "it's the perfect place to keep the playground."

The new subdivision is one of the Town's proposed projects for 2006, all of which will be outlined in displays at tonight's Town Hall meeting for Elk Point ratepayers.

Pumping stations to increase water pressure, along with water main, street, curb and gutter installation and sewer line improvements are also on the project list.

Accumulated reserves and infrastructure grants will help with some of the funding for the projects, however the Town will need to enter into debenture borrowing over a five-year term to complete some of the work.

"We've got to bite the bullet and service those first 18 lots."

- Councillor Dwayne Yaremkevich

In order to get the new residential lots on stream as soon as possible, Council agreed with Yaremkevich, who said "we've got to bite the bullet and service those first 18 lots."

Proceeds from sale of those lots will help to pay down the debenture.

The developments are part of the Town's five-year capital budget which will be unveiled at the Town Hall meeting, and Mayor Tung told Council the budget reflects "our vision for the town. We'll make a motion to go ahead with this year's projects," while those for future years will remain in the "proposed" category, to be approved as each year arrives, if the necessary funding is available.

Council agreed to accept all seven of this year's projects and move forward with design and tendering, a motion with which Mayor Tung noted, "ladies and gentlemen, we just spent a pile of money."

Three proposed capital projects were identified for Elk Point's centennial year in 2007, including a joint-usage playground which Mayor Tung says will be innovative in that funding for it is expected to come from multiple levels of government, as well as from the school division, corporate donors and parent fundraising projects. These projects will also be announced at the town hall meeting.

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Provincial funding approved for Health Centre heliport

By VICKI BROOKER

Review Staff

Elk Point Health Centre's heliport woes will soon be at an end.

MLA Ray Danyluk confirmed Monday that Lyle Oberg, Minister of Infrastructure and Transportation, and Iris Evans, Minister of Health and Wellness, have approved \$140,000 in funding which will enable the Aspen Health Region to upgrade the heliport to meet current federal operating requirements.

The new heliport is to be built west of the Health Centre.

The Health Centre had used their parking lot as a heliport for STARS, but the area was de-certified by Transport Canada due to safety concerns. Mayor Parrish Tung says that since that time, "we have been using the airport, and in extreme emergency, the grassy area west of the hospital."

Tung credits Danyluk's lobbying efforts as an instrumental factor in obtaining the funding for this much-needed facility, which will help STARS in their mission to transport critically ill and seriously injured patients to Edmonton hospitals.

Council meets new REACH general manager

(Continued from Front Page)

Town Council met with three delegations during Monday's meeting.

Paul Pelletier paid his first official visit as the new general manager of REACH Corporation, and said he brings to the post "a fair bit of experience in community development. I'm looking forward to working in all the

member communities." Three years without a manager has been "very difficult for the organization," Pelletier said, noting that he is looking forward to getting things back on track.

Pelletier told Council that a number of communities are interested in strategic planning sessions,

including Elk Point.

"It's a heck of a pile of work," he noted. "We hosted a training seminar of January 10 on what's involved and what's important. It will be different in every community, and economic development will take a large role."

On a local basis, Pelletier says he has met with economic development officer Ernie Isley "and we kicked around some ideas."

He said REACH "will be eager to help in any way we can," including coaching and mentoring, and suggesting ways to access funding.

Mayor Tung told Pelletier he has "sensed a lot of optimism in Elk Point. All of us are very fortunate to be on Council at this time. All of us have our dreams that fire up our

imagination. We do get infrastructure grants, and we have walked into a situation where the Chamber and Town have a very good relationship. We try to work together, with REACH's help, and I believe our town is really on the edge of growing in terms of population and business."

Chamber seeks help with workshop

The second delegation was Chamber of Commerce president Sandy Smith, who asked for the Town's help in financing a basic economic development training session on January 29 and 29. She has also approached REACH and HUB for assistance. Smith said 22 people have already indicated they wish to attend the workshop, and she hopes to keep

the fee for Chamber members at an affordable amount. Council agreed later in the meeting to send two delegates at the full rate of \$200 per person.

Smith also inquired if the Town plans to give tax incentives to businesses coming to Elk Point. Council makes these decisions on an individual basis, Mayor Tung said. "It depends if they're buying land or renting. We're always open to negotiations, and our doors are always open - all businesses are welcome."

Demolition permit queried

Ruby Ann and Lavern Kittlitz also came to Council to discuss the Town's request that they obtain a demolition permit for a derelict building located on their property. The request was received after demolition took place and they asked Council to consider waiving the fee. Council agreed to discuss the matter at their in-camera session later in the meeting.

Town's sign

In other matters dealt with at the meeting, Council agreed to take over ownership of the Lions Club sign. The Lions have agreed that they will continue to look after and maintain the sign and will reimburse the Town for the insurance on it, which the Town can obtain at a much more reasonable rate than the club.

Traffic trouble

A traffic complaint

received from a member of the public was referred to the Public Works committee meeting.

Evergreen deficit

Evergreen Regional Waste Management has announced a deficit for the past year, with the Town of Elk Point requisitioned to pay \$10,600 as their share.

Meeting rescheduled again

Council's February meeting has again been rescheduled, due to a visit from Rev. Lang of Taber, speaking on violence and bullying, and will now be held on Monday, February 20.

Highway 41, 646 collision

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

The intersection of Highways 41 and 646 was the scene of a collision on January 18 at approximately 5:30 p.m.

A vehicle had stopped in the southbound lane of Hwy. 41 waiting to turn east onto Hwy. 646 when a northbound vehicle crossed the centre lane of Hwy. 41 into oncoming traffic, resulting in a head-on collision.

The driver of the vehicle which was hit was taken to Elk Point Health Centre by ambulance but no injuries resulted from the crash.

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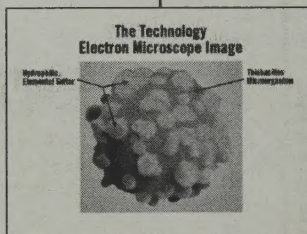
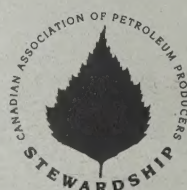
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■ Between December 31, 2005 and January 6, 2006, suspects entered a farmyard approximately five kilometres southwest of Elk Point and stole the owner's vehicle. The vehicle is described as a burgundy 1985 Chev Camaro with a black hood and t-top. The vehicle was not driveable at the time so had to be towed or moved on a trailer.

■ On January 16, 2006 the Elk Point RCMP attended a residence on 48 Street and 52 Avenue in Elk Point. A small hole in the front window of the residence was caused by a pellet from a pellet gun. The damage would have occurred sometime between the evening of January 14 and the morning of January 16.

If anyone has any information regarding either of the above crimes, or any other crime, they are asked to contact the Elk Point RCMP at (780) 724-3964 or Crime Stoppers at 1-800-222-TIPS (8477). Crime Stoppers will pay up to \$2,000 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the person or persons responsible.

Natural Bacteria Means Further Reductions in Flaring



Naturally occurring bacteria purifies natural gas and eliminates the need to flare in some circumstances.

Chad Sewall runs a purebred Angus cattle operation about one and a half kilometres from EnCana Corporation's Bantay sour gas plant near Brooks. Sour gas is natural gas that contains hydrogen sulphide (H₂S) which can be dangerous if not handled properly. Traditionally, converting hydrogen sulphide to safer elemental sulphur requires an industrial process that can include flaring.

When the EnCana plant was announced, Sewall and his neighbors weren't comfortable having it so close. "We didn't want a continuous flare," he says. "The area is densely populated with people and livestock, we were concerned."

So EnCana, in partnership with New Paradigm Gas Processing Ltd., introduced a breakthrough technology. It is called Shell-Paques and can eliminate the need for flaring in some circumstances. The process uses a naturally occurring bacteria to separate the hydrogen from the sulphide in H₂S. It's the world's first commercially operated biological process to purify natural gas by converting nearly all the H₂S into sulphur.

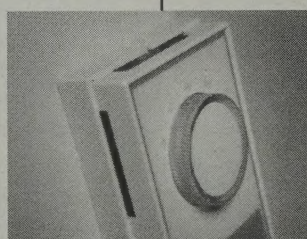
"It was obvious from initial discussions with the area landowners and residents that they were not necessarily opposed to oil and gas development," says Todd Beasley, president of New Paradigm.

"Rather, they were vehemently opposed to continuous sources of pollution, particularly hydrogen sulphide and its combustion by-products. When we were given an opportunity to explain the intrinsic safety features of the technology and explained that the technology's sulphur recovery efficiency would eliminate the need for continuous hydrogen sulphide flaring we were able to satisfy their primary concerns."

After EnCana and New Paradigm explained the process, all local landowners and residents approved the development. EnCana's success has prompted other companies to use the same technology where it can be used.

"I'm OK with the decision," says Chad Sewall. "It shows that oil companies and landowners can get along."

The Supply and Demand of Natural Gas



Natural gas provides heat for homes and fuel for vehicles. Prices are set in an open market.

The price of natural gas is on the minds of many Canadians this winter. It costs more to heat homes and run businesses. Higher gas costs are due largely to the rapid growth in North American consumption over the last decade. In 1990, demand for natural gas in North America was 21 trillion cubic feet a year. Today, annual demand is 25 trillion cubic feet.

Last year in Alberta, the price of natural gas was 14 per cent below the rest of Canada. Why? Because Alberta produces natural gas, we are the closest consumers to the source, which lowers transportation costs. In addition, the provincial government has a program that shields consumers from higher prices. Yet for some, prices are still too high.

The price for natural gas is not the only cost to customers on monthly gas bills. Bills include transportation costs, local distribution charges, municipal service fees and taxes. Charges vary by province, depending on how far the gas must travel from production to burner tip. Albertans save on transportation because we are closer to the source. Natural gas prices are set in an open market like other commodities such as coffee, lumber and livestock. North American prices are affected by supplies of natural gas versus demand for the fuel. When demand is higher, the price tends to rise and when there is more supply than needed, the price lowers.

While Alberta has secure long-term supplies, unexpected events can affect short-term supply.

"The major hurricanes earlier this fall caused a dramatic reduction in North American supplies - 30 per cent of the gas produced in that region has not yet been recovered," says Greg Stringham, Vice President of the Canadian Association of Petroleum Producers.

To ensure long-term supplies, Alberta's oil and gas industry is working to develop new sources of natural gas such as natural gas from coal and from deeper areas and more remote areas such as Northern Canada.

Natural gas utilities can provide consumers with advice and incentives on how to be more energy efficient.

The Canadian government has answers to many questions about natural gas prices on the Natural Resources Canada web site at www.nrcan.gc.ca (search for "gas prices FAQ"). For more on Alberta's Natural Gas Rebate Program go to www.energy.gov.ab.ca/2853.asp.

Breast cancer screening and prevention - what to do

By Dr. Carolyn Pim
Medical leader of screening programs, Alberta Cancer Board

Breast cancer is an issue that receives much media attention and it can be difficult for women to sort out what all the reports mean for them personally. Results from new studies are constantly being reported, and they don't always agree with previous research. Women are left to think such things as: "Should I get a mammogram or not? Should I do breast self-exam or not? What can I do to prevent breast cancer?"

The answer to the first question is easy for women aged 50 to 69: Yes! You should get a mammogram at least every two years. Having regular mammograms has been shown to reduce deaths from breast cancer in many studies. Health organizations in Canada and many other countries all agree that screening is recommended in this age group. And don't forget - the value of screening is greatest if women get screened regularly. Screen Test, the Alberta Cancer Board's breast screening program, has a mobile mammography screening service for rural communities throughout the province, and will soon be coming to a community near you.

For women in their forties the answer is not quite as clear. Some studies have shown that mammography screening is beneficial in this age group, while other studies have shown no benefit. Women between 40 and 49 should talk with their doctor about the pros and cons of mammograms and decide whether or not to be screened based on their own situation.

In 2003, there was a lot of media attention about breast

self-examination (BSE - monthly examination of the breasts by the woman herself). The Canadian Task Force on Preventive Health Care reviewed all the scientific research on the value of BSE. This well-respected group concluded that the research did not show that BSE helped to reduce breast cancer deaths. There was a lot of debate about this report, both in the media and in the health community. The bottom line? BSE may not be as helpful as we once thought. However, most experts do agree that it is still very important for women to be familiar with what is normal for their own breasts, and to see their doctor if they notice any changes in the skin, nipple, breast shape, or of course, any lumps or thickening in the breast or armpit. It is also important for women to have a breast examination by their doctor once a year.

Although the exact causes of breast cancer are still unknown, there is more and more research coming out about what women can do to help prevent it. Perhaps the most exciting is that regular physical activity can help to reduce a woman's risk of getting breast cancer by up to 40%. Even if you have not been an active person in the past, there is still great benefit in becoming active. Eating a diet with lots of vegetables and fruit and having a healthy body weight can also reduce your risk of breast and other cancers.

There will always be new research that adds to our understanding of breast cancer and how to prevent it. The good news is that there are things women can do now: get a mammogram if you are between 50 and 69; get a yearly

breast examination by your doctor; be familiar with your breasts and see a doctor if you notice any changes; increase your physical activity; maintain a healthy body weight and eat a healthy diet.

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Fatal collision at Frog Lake First Nations

INFORMATION SUBMITTED

On January 17 around 1:00 p.m. the Elk Point RCMP were called to a fatal motor vehicle collision on Highway 897 in the Frog Lake First Nations.

A Pontiac Grand Prix pulled out from a side road

onto the highway and was struck by a southbound half-ton truck. The driver of the Grand Prix, 26-year-old Jonathan Keith Stanley of Frog Lake, was killed on impact. The two passengers in the Grand Prix were extracted by the Elk Point

Volunteer Fire Department using the Jaws of Life, and were airlifted to an Edmonton hospital where they are reported to be in stable condition. The driver of the truck was wearing his seatbelt and was treated for minor injuries at the scene.

At the time of the collision, it was snowing heavily and the roads were extremely icy and snow covered.

A collision analyst from St. Paul also attended the scene; no charges will be laid in relation to this collision.

Local curlers going to Provincials

By Vicki Brooker
Review Staff

A local rink of Elks and Royal Purple members is headed to the Lodges' provincial championship in Grande Prairie this weekend.

Allan Berg, Irene Pilisko, Don Pilisko and Melinda Henderson placed second in Mixed play at zone competition in St. Paul on the January 14 weekend to win the provincial berth.

Henderson's father, Albert Boratynec, is part of the St. Paul rink skipped by Noel Looy which placed first in the Men's division.

Lane Lorensen's Elk Point rink, which includes Mike Chubey, Terry Axley and Dwayne Yaremkevich placed third in St. Paul and could go to Provincials if a berth opens up.

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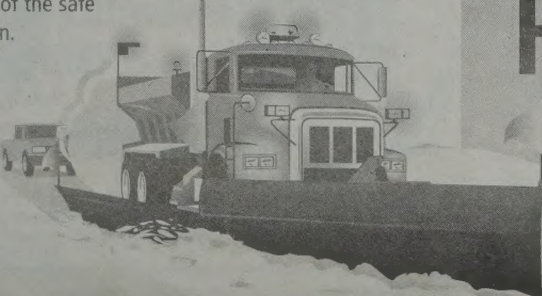
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EDITORIAL

Lessons learned from hockey

Minor hockey is more than entertainment - it's also an educational experience.

First, from this weekend's busy schedule, we discover that in two cases, teams that once were fierce rivals become a power to be reckoned with when they are joined together, as shown by the Elk Point/Dewberry Bantam Colts, and the tournament-winning Marwayne/Dewberry Peepees. Working together, rather than at cross-purposes, these two duos were unstoppable.

Second, we discover that today's young people have determination. They do not give up when the going gets rough, they soldier on until the very end. Their coaches have taught them well, this coping skill that will become second nature to them and will serve them well in the adult world.

Third, we reaffirm that hockey is good for the community as a whole. It builds community spirit, as well as bringing large numbers of visitors to town. This weekend, a total of 31 players, plus coaching staff and fans, were here for at least one night and four meals, while 38 more players, their coaches and fans, were here Saturday with some of them here on Sunday as well, and it's a safe bet that all of them spent money in our community.

Hockey - the benefits are for all ages.

Way Back When...

Goals and "best guesstimates"

Here's the news that made the headlines of the Elk Point Review and the Lakeland Review for the week of January 24 in...

1996

Elk Point Chamber of Commerce studied a number of short- and long-term goals after an executive brainstorming session, with long-term goals including establishment of an overnight campsite in town, advertising business opportunities in Elk Point and "the perennial problem of parking." Jimmy Yarmuch was the first prize winner with a full house hand at Spring Park's snowmobile poker rally, with 139 machines participating.

1991

The changing face of Further Education saw Verona Lea Flanders welcomed to the post of coordinator, when Gladys Drobot celebrated her retirement and was presented with farewell bouquet by Board chairman Jim Hawkins. Golf and Country Club president Ed Buck visited Town Council to outline plans for expansion and suggest cooperation between the club and the Town in operation of other Recreation Land facilities.

1996

Rod Randall skipped the Fountain Tire rink to a win in the Town and Country Bonspiel grand challenge over the Steve Penz rink. Elk Point Chamber was looking for a new president, vice-president and secretary, having found only a nominee for treasurer as they prepared for the February 7 annual meeting.

2001

CNRL outlined plans for reduced well spacing on 10 sections in the Lindbergh area, with landman Bob Day giving CNRL's "best guesstimate wish list" for about 200 new wells over a three- to five-year period. The rapidly expanding CNRL was also one of two newcomers welcomed to the business community by the Chamber of Commerce, the other being Great West Newspaper Group, recent purchasers of the Elk Point Review and St. Paul Journal.



GUEST COLUMN

On being Canadian

Yesterday was our federal election day. Was it a surprise or was it expected? Now, that all depends on your viewpoints. Anyway, we live in a democratic country and we had the opportunity to vote. We are a fortunate people who live in a great country. Speaking of us and being Canadian. I found something to think about as written by Gary Lautens of Toronto, Ontario in the book, "Chicken Soup for the Canadian Soul."

"I have an idea. Let us start a country. This country would have bright leaders in politics, labour, business, education and other fields. These leaders wouldn't squabble or call each other names. They would try to get along. In this country, people would work hard - and they would be allowed to keep a lot of their money. They'd help out the handicapped, the old, the sick and those who had been thrown out of work for no fault of their own. But no freeloading would be allowed. You wouldn't be able to sit around twiddling your thumbs, abusing your body, making trouble or just being a nuisance. You would have to do your share and not expect somebody to look after you. You would be responsible for your life - and no running away. You would have to be useful.

In this country, you would be expected to respect other people, and they'd be expected to respect you. You would not be allowed to sit around griping all the time or making a lot of demands. And if you made a mess of things, you would be told to look for the culprit in your own mirror first, before you started pointing a finger at someone else. You'd have to follow some rules because this country

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would be best that way. For example, you'd have to keep your mitts off pother people, unless you were showing affection. No abusing animals, either, or property, or people's dreams. And you'd be asked to understand things, like feelings and hopes.

What about kids? In this country, kids would be special and receive a lot of love and peanut butter sandwiches and talks. In return, they'd be expected to go to school, learn something useful and not be smart alecks. They could keep pets provided they looked after them. Everyone would be expected to cherish this country and treat it kindly, understand its riches, and make sure something was left for the

next generation. Putting this country in second place to any other country simply wouldn't be allowed. You could wax sentimental about some holiday spot, or a country in your past or some place you saw in National Geographic. And, of course, you would be allowed to get dreamy about Paris. Everyone does. But this country would be your number one, top priority - your very own place, your home. You would feel good about other people from your country, even if they were a little different. You wouldn't act like a goof and insult them or treat them in a way you wouldn't want to be treated. The country would have a nice touch of pride - but pride in important things, like integrity, intelligence, cleanliness, decency and fairness. What else?

I think I've left out fun. This country would have lots of fun because life isn't worth much without fun. You wouldn't want a country where everyone has a long face and snaps about the littlest thing, would you? You'd want to hear laughter. It's as important as sunshine.

So. No idlers. No bullies. No grouches. No ingrates. No shouters. No sourpusses. No crybabies. No parasites. No hotheads. Yes. Let's start a country. We could call it Canada.

So there you go, everyone. The above story is one man's opinion. But it makes sense. Let's all be a part of making our country great. After all, we are all Canadians.

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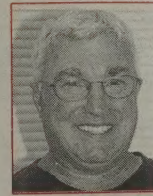
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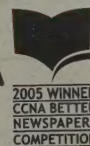
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Welcome to the 22nd Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Bonspiel January 26 - 29, 2006

Message from the President

A big Hi to all you Curlers!!

Here we are again nearing the last week of January, the days are getting longer, the weather has been great, this could only mean one thing in Elk Point.....the Annual Elk Point Oilmen's Curling Bonspiel is here!

This year, it is our 23rd Bonspiel, with Murray Cochrane at the helm. I know again, that Murray and his committee crew worked hard at making this event another great success that we all can be proud of. All the phoning, planning, canvassing of sponsors and donators takes a lot of time out of everybody's busy schedules. Great job guys, we are proud of your dedication towards this event.

I would like to also thank Curtis and the curling club committee, for once again preparing the ice and getting geared up for all us curlers and spectators that will be attending our function this year. Great job!!!

Finally I would like to THANK all this year's sponsors, donors, volunteers, and curlers, for without all of you our Bonspiel would not be the success that it always is. To the curlers participating this weekend, have fun, may all of you be at the top of your game and may your sportsmanship and camaraderie be at its best. Remember, we want to see you all again next year, so don't drink and drive. Use our courtesy vans, they are there for you, please use them.

Thank you,
Don Mudryk
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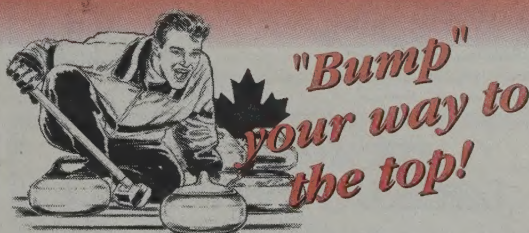


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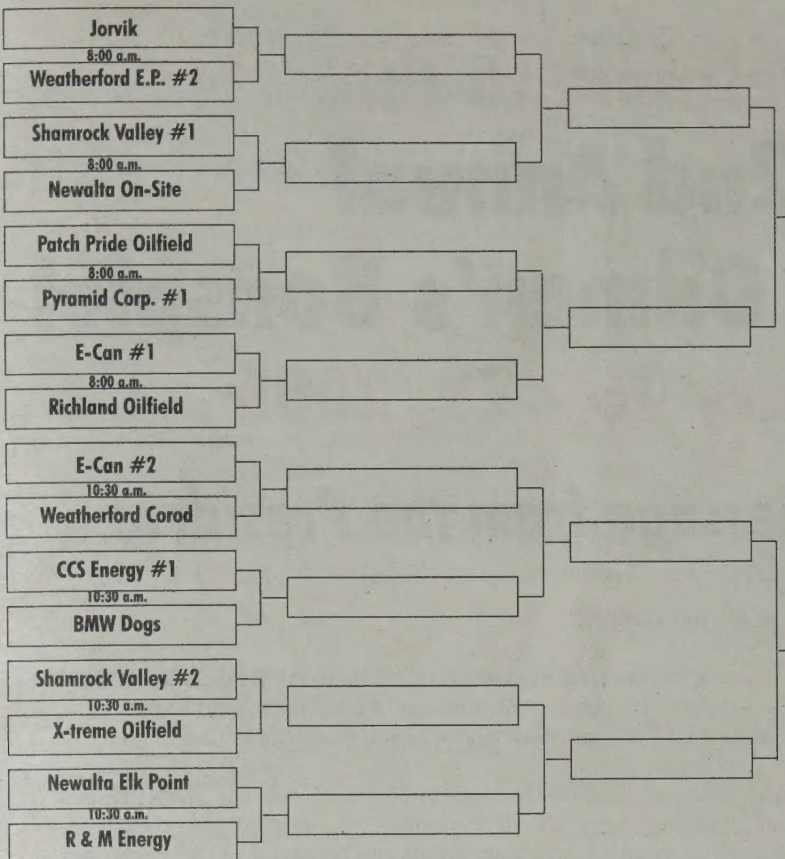
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8 to 10!

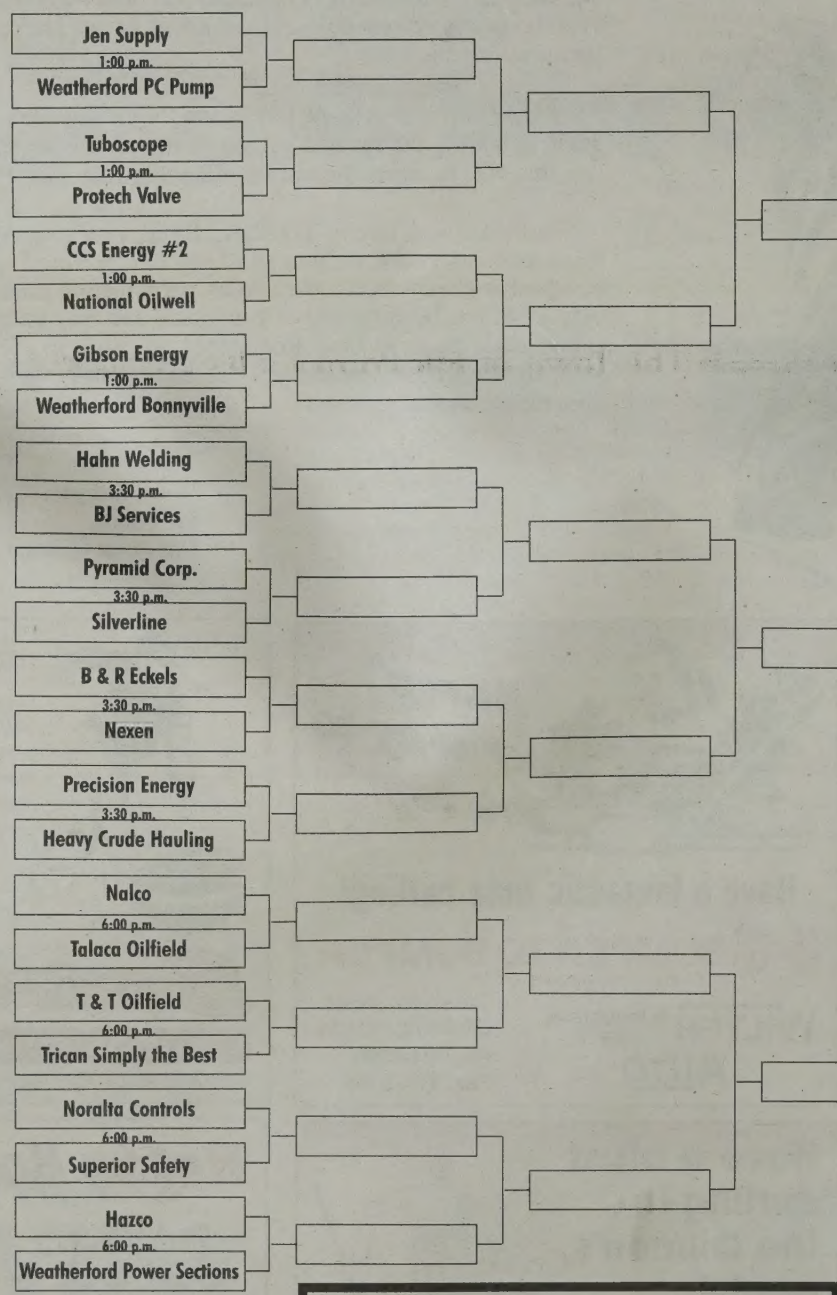


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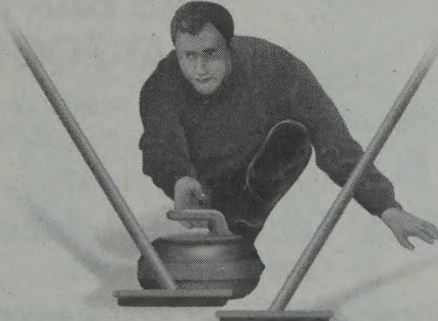
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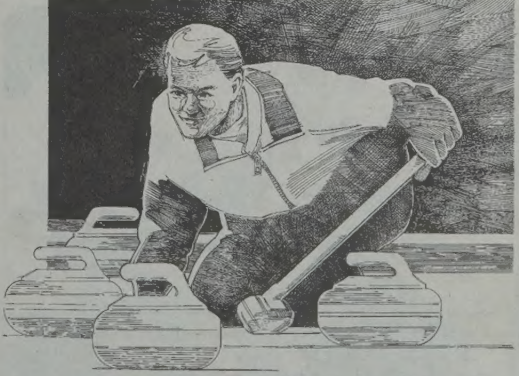
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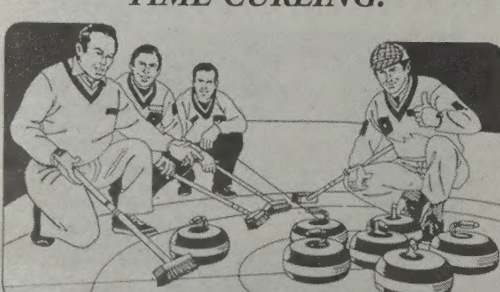
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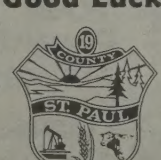


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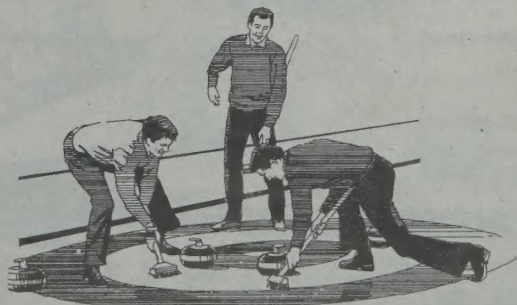
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Influenza A and B arrive in Aspen Health Region

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Influenza A and B have been circulating in the Aspen Health region, resulting in multiple cases showing up in schools in some communities.

"These cases are typical of what we see each year," says Dr. David Johnson, medical officer of health for Aspen. "During the winter season we see more illness of many kinds in the community, and need to remind people to take common-sense precautions."

A flu shot is the best thing people can do to protect themselves and their families. They're still available by appointment from local public health centres and family physicians.

Another important precaution is hand washing.

"Washing your hands is the single most important measure for preventing the transmission of many infections," says Johnson. "It's the best way to stop bacteria, viruses and other germs

from spreading. Even though you can't see them, many things that you touch every day are covered with germs, which are then passed on to others and make them sick."

Individuals should cover their nose and mouth when they cough or sneeze and properly dispose of used tissues to avoid the spread of germs.

To protect visitors to emergency rooms, Aspen Health asks individuals who are showing signs of respiratory illness (fever and a new cough) to wear a mask while waiting in the emergency department.

People who are already ill should try to avoid attending schools or visiting friends and relatives in continuing care facilities or hospitals until the symptoms have passed.

For health advice and information 24 hours a day, seven days a week, call Alberta Health Link toll-free at 1-866-408-LINK.

Chamber

(Continued from Front Page)

"I like the discussion tonight," Chamber member Mircea Panciuk of Northern Lights Library System said. "Our minds are open - this is a good start."

Mayor Tung agreed, noting, "I do believe Council and the Chamber are working together now in a team effort."

The Chamber is currently developing a package of information to be presented to new businesses opening premises in Elk Point, with Sharon Smith as the Chamber greeter. She also offered to help Shirley Harms with selling Chamber memberships, as this year's campaign gets underway. Only a few 2006 membership renewals have resulted from the faxes sent around before Christmas, and Harms reminded everyone they must be a paid-up member to vote at the Annual General Meeting, which has been set for Wednesday, February 15. Guest speaker at that meeting will be Hanna mayor Pat Burns, who will discuss the upswing in business development in his community.

REACH regrouping

Those seeking individual information and assistance now have a more visible place to turn in the Elk Point and St. Paul areas.

Pelletier said REACH has "suffered an identity crisis" during the past three years, when there was no general manager in place. Now, "visibility is a key issue." As of January 4, REACH has a main street office in St. Paul and is downsizing their Smoky Lake office. They are planning for the future, and have a one-year operating plan in place. Funding is now being approved in five-year blocks, which bodes

well for a "stable future," he says, REACH offers services "no traditional bank can do. We're prepared to counsel the individual businesspersons, teach them to do cash flow and business plans." He also wants to focus on junior achievement programs and "get into the schools with business basics."

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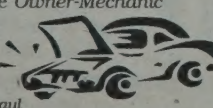
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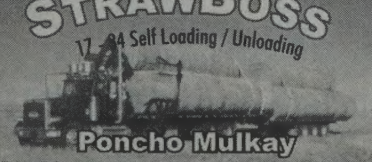
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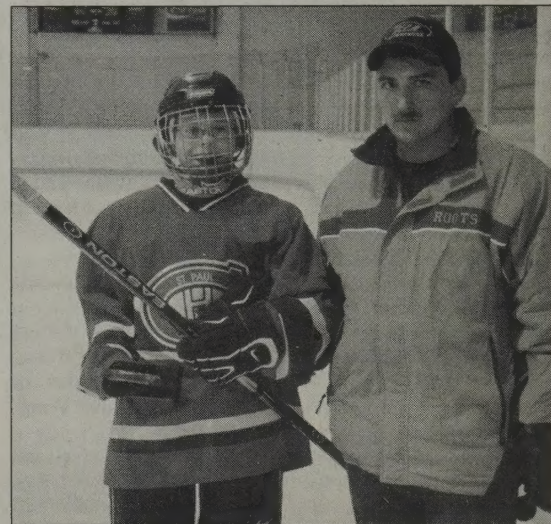
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New coordinator sees big things for trail

By RACHEL DE WAAL
Staff Writer

Maps of two multi-use trails hang on a wall in Marianne Price's office — one of the Trans Canada Trail, the other of the Iron Horse Trail.

The new industry coordinator for the IHT Tourism Product Club is excited about the potential of the 300-kilometre northeastern Alberta trail.

"My vision is for the Iron Horse Trail to grow into one of the premier tourist destination stops in Alberta, under the product club's direction," says Price, who began working with the IHT in November. "I believe it's going to be right up there with big names, like the Tyrell Museum."

Price is working with people to develop "product" along the trail, so tourists who want to do more than hike, ride a horse or drive a quad along the trail are still attracted to the area.

Product can include accommodations like a bed and breakfast, agricultural tourism like a you-pick farm, urban-based business and even events, like St. Paul's upcoming Winter Carnival.

"If you ask me what the opportunities are with the Iron Horse Trail, I'll keep you here for hours," says Price. "I have been interested in and participated in ag tourism for years."

Price also has experience in running her own business, has worked with many ag societies and is starting a strawberry u-pick on her farm south of Bonnyville. When a job with the IHT came up, Price jumped at the chance to get involved in a project with so much promise.

"In conjunction with the Lakeland (Destination Marketing Organization), we try to help businesses maximize their leverage opportunities," says Price. "For example, if the DMO goes to an Edmonton boat and RV show, there's an opportunity for all these products to send brochures or help man the booth."

Price says the IHT is "one-of-a-kind" in Alberta and an amazing tourist draw in both summer and winter.

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By DAPHNE SCHNURER
Librarian

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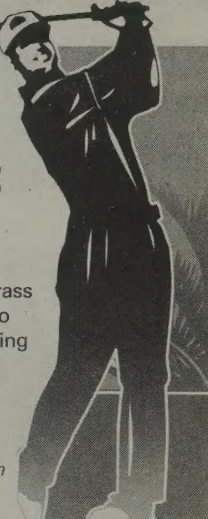
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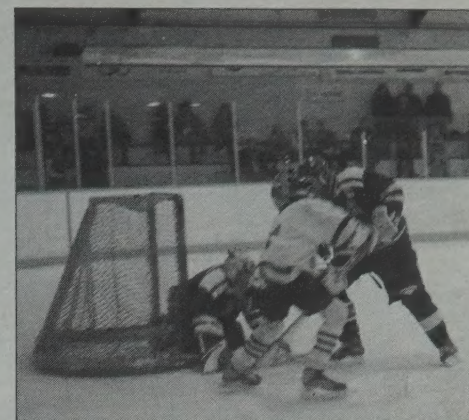
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Servus members approve amalgamation with Capital City Savings

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Members of Servus Credit Union approved a resolution to amalgamate with Capital City Savings at their annual general meeting on Jan. 19.

Servus members voted 100 per cent in favour of amalgamation.

Servus Credit Union and Capital City Savings will formally amalgamate on Nov. 1. On the same date, the new credit union thus formed will amalgamate with SAFECU Credit Union.

The members of SAFECU Credit Union approved the amalgamation at a special membership meeting on Jan. 11.

"Amalgamation with Capital City Savings offers our members all the advantages of a larger financial institution - more branches, more products and services - while maintaining the qualities of personal service, local ownership and profit sharing that they appreciate," stated Denis Richer, president of the Servus board of directors.

The new credit union formed by the three-way amalgamation will operate under the name of Servus Credit Union.

The new Servus Credit Union

Iron Horse Trail

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"From a user standpoint, to be able to go out your backdoor, get onto the Iron Horse Trail, the scenic aspect, safety and accessibility is second to none," says Price, "and from an operator's point of view, it's a tourist attraction right outside your door."

Price says she hasn't heard of any problems between users on the trail and says all the staging areas have signs posted listing trail etiquette.

"For the most part, people who use the trail are courteous."

Over the past two years, the product club has been showing people the opportunities available in working with the IHT and given them tools to develop partnerships.

However, Price says the job will

will be the largest in Alberta, with nearly \$3 billion in assets and 181,000 members.

Approximately 800 employees will provide members with financial services through a network of 48 locations serving 26 central and northern Alberta communities.

"On behalf of the management team, I want to thank our members for their business, and assure them that they will continue to receive the same quality service they are accustomed to," said Ray Duchesneau, CEO of Servus Credit Union. "It has been great to get to know so many supportive members during my 25 years with Servus, and I look forward to continuing our relationship." Duchesneau will become vice-president eastern operations in the new credit union.

"We are very pleased that the members of Servus chose to amalgamate with Capital City Savings," said Peter Galloway, chair of the Capital City Savings board of directors. "Both organizations, our members, employees and the community we serve will all benefit from a stronger credit union."

change slightly when the product club moves from the development stage into a two-year marketing phase.

A grant from the Canadian Tourism Commission for product development runs out at the end of November, but some funding is already in place for the marketing term and IHT stakeholders will submit another proposal to the tourism commission for additional resources.

As well, stakeholders will meet in February to develop a 10-year strategic plan.

"Our goal is to have a shared vision for the trail," says Price. "Our idea, over the next two and a half years, is to position the Iron Horse Trail as an Alberta tourist destination."

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The Dewberry-Marwayne Colts won a very exciting "A" final against Strathcona Renegades with 45 seconds left in overtime.



Elk Point Peewee Avalanche placed second in the "B" event final.

Hats off to Peewee Avs

Going to a hockey tournament is easy; you pay your money and show up for the games. Hosting a tournament - that's another story. It takes a lot of hard work to host a hockey tournament. Phoning teams, booking referees, lining up concession workers, timekeepers and going to all the local business for donations. This just doesn't happen, someone has to do it, but it's worth it in the end. But, nothing can bring business into a small town better than a good old hockey tournament, and nothing is more fun than to see, than our arena chock full of parents and kids cheering on their team. Hats off to all the parents of the Peewee Avalanche for a job well done this past weekend. Here, here.



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sports

The Peewee Avalanche hosted a six-team tournament this past weekend with teams coming from Stony Plain, Strathcona, Saddle Lake, Dewberry, and St. Paul. Dewberry won the "A" final over Strathcona 6 to 5, the game going to sudden death overtime. The Avalanche had some real excitement going also; the first game against St. Paul tied in regulation time, four all, going to a shoot out. Brandon "the Roadrunner" Rainey scored all four goals for the Avalanche, the Avalanche losing a tough one in the shootout. In the second game Saturday night, the Avalanche won over Stony Plain 7 to 5, "the Roadrunner" with a hat trick, Jamie "Fuzzy" Wozniak with two goals and three assists, sniper Jared Vallee with two goals, and John Fryingpan adding a goal, assisted by Louis Dion.

Sunday in the "B" final the Avalanche met up against St. Paul once more, and once more, lost to their rivals. Raven Quinney scoring the only goal for the Avalanche assisted by Ken Stanley. Wyatt "Mad dog" Dewan was in net for the Avalanche all weekend, making some big saves. Big defenseman Taylor Dion-Abraham is one of the most improved players on this team, with some rushes going coast to coast and finishing them off with his booming slap shot that's hard enough to part the North Saskatchewan River. The other three defenseman, Dawson Lowry, Cody Knopp and Tyson "Mario" Moneta all show great improvement from the start of the season.

Coaches "Iron Mike" Rainey and Roland Moneta have done a wonderful job of coaching these guys this year. It's really tough when a team is struggling, they come close, but unfortunately they don't win a lot of games, some guys might have given up, but not these coaches, they have faith in their guys and have stood by them all year. It's not all about winning, learning new skills and teamwork is also important.

Losing builds character. Just ask the Leafs who dropped another one to Ottawa on Saturday night 7 to 0. Oh, you thought I wouldn't mention it, didn't you. But how much more character do the Leafs need? The mighty Quinn better find an answer quick, because we might not make the playoffs if we don't get off the Titanic.

Special thanks going out to "Zamboni Dave" He really earned his money this past weekend, with the warm weather and the number of games, it isn't easy to keep the ice in as great of shape as he did. Way to go Dave!

Colts, Storm in Provincials

Extra, extra, read all about it! Provincial playoffs are here. Big weekend for our provincial hopefuls, the Bantams Colts and Midget Girls Storm both winning. That's a big 10-4 good buddy. The first game on Friday night in front of a huge crowd, the Bantam Colts shifted in high gear and put the hammer down on the visiting team from Redwater winning 10 to 4. Next Saturday they will return to Redwater for the second game of the home and home series.

In the second game of the Friday night special, the Midget Girls Storm winning by the skin of their teeth over the visiting team

from Ft. Mac Murray the final score 2 to 1, Tellia Loughran scoring both goals for the Storm. Normally provincials are a home and home two game series, but, because of the great distance of travel between the teams, Fort McMurray stayed over for the night and they played again on Saturday afternoon. Natalie Maas opening the scoring in this one when she banged home a one-timer set up by Melanie Cadrin and Tellia Loughran. Sage Lowry got on the scoreboard with the second

goal for the girls, Melanie Cadrin assisting once more. Then working out of her office again, another one-timer for Natalie Maas, her second of the game, set up once more by Melanie Cadrin. Three zip after two periods the game was still within reach, when the Storm took it to task, hammering in another four goals, Melanie Cadrin with the next one, team captain Karly Shankowski jabbing in one, rookie Tori "T Rex" Becker on the doorstep knocked one in, and Catharine "the Great" Campbell scoring the final goal on a big slap shot. Rookie Alyssa Harms with two assists, Sarah Proskiw also adding an assist, 7 to 0 the final score, the Storm winning the two game, total point and will now advance on to the next round. What's new? You guessed it; goalie Amber Axley played brilliant once more, she faced 38 shots and posted a shutout, and this is why she was selected to play net for the north verses the south All Star game, held in Wainwright on Sunday. Also selected for this years north team, Catharine Campbell, Melanie Cadrin and Tellia Loughran.

Tiny Tornadoes rip through Marwayne

This team has come a long way this year under the direction of head coach and former Storm player Megan Tucker, learning and improving on new skills each week, passing and skating and playing like a team, the tiny Tornadoes ripped through Marwayne on the weekend, Riel Lowry, Madison and Brodin Ference all scoring.

Atom Avalanche win "A"

Down in Dewberry it was very physical, it was rough and almost peewee hockey at times, the Atom Avalanche in a tournament were battered and bruised when it was over but they played with a lot of class and won where it counts, on the scoreboard bringing home all the hardware, the "A" side trophy.

The first game tied 5-all against the host Dewberry. Trevor "the Kid" Ballas with four, Rylan Buffalo with a single. The second game, they met up with Marwayne winning 6 to 2, "the Kid" with a hat trick, Logan Becker with two and three assists, and scoring from the point with a wrist shot going up stairs, Skyler Ewasiuk.

Sunday morning the Avalanche played against Vermilion, winning this one 9 to 4. Trevor "the Kid" Ballas with four, Logan Becker and Rylan Buffalo with two each, and scoring his first goal ever, Mackenzie Roberts. Andrew "Bruise Brother" assisting, Michael Abraham also assisting.

What could be more fitting than this: the final game, Dewberry against the Avalanche, a provincial match up we will see this coming week, Wednesday in Dewberry and Friday at home. The Avalanche wanting send a message, winning this one 10 to 2. Trevor "the Kid" Ballas and Logan Becker with four each, Rylan Buffalo and Andrew "Bruise Brother" Jenner with singles. Tell May, Chelsea Botting, Matthew "Bruise Brother" Jenner all assisting. The defense core, Skyler Ewasiuk, Chelsea Botting, Matthew Jenner, Lindsey MacDonald and Brett Ockerman hustled hard all weekend. Goalie "Mr. Scrooge" Brayden Vinge was very stingy as always.

And now for the K.A. Campbell's quote of the week. "We're not dealing with a series of Einsteins." Last week's answer to: "Empty net goals are for sissies." - Al

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